

further north, but has been overlooked. It, therefore, seemed well to call the attention of New England botanists to the plant, that they may watch for it in future collecting, and give us more exact knowledge of its distribution.—<sup>1</sup>LINCOLN WARE RIDDLE, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

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REDISCOVERY OF *PODOSTEMON CERATOPHYLLUS* IN VERMONT.—While crossing the West River about one fourth mile below the railroad station in Jamaica, Vermont, one day the past summer, my attention was attracted by a curious sea-weed like plant which adhered closely to the stones of the river bed, and which seemed to be abundant over a considerable area. It being the dry season (August) some stones bearing the plant were out of water. Upon being submitted to the Harvard Botanical Department the plant proved to be the river weed *Podostemon ceratophyllus* Michx. This plant has before been reported from Vermont by Frost but has been placed upon the doubtful list in the Flora of Vermont. The station is only accessible at low water but no doubt the plant may be found at other places in the bed of West River.—FRANK DOBBIN, Shushan, New York.

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A NEW VARIETY OF *SCIRPUS OLNEYI*.—The genus *Scirpus* is somewhat remarkable for the number of its varieties with elongated spikelets, so it was not surprising when, in Milford, Conn., Sept. 28, 1907, during an excursion of the Connecticut Botanical Society, the writer found an additional variety of this class, which may be described as follows:—

*SCIRPUS OLNEYI* Gray, var. **contortus**, n. var. Some or all of the spikelets twisted or bent, linear, elongated (1–2, rarely 2.4 cm. in length); involucre leaf prolonged (3–7 cm.) and, like the stem, not so stout as in the species. Brackish marsh on the coast, Milford, Conn., *E. H. Eames*, no. 5847. Type, in herb. Eames: co-type in herb. Gray.

Conspicuously different from the species in the foregoing characters; and from allied species, among other features, in the remarkable triquetrous-winged stem.—E. H. EAMES, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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